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Mr. Michael N. Milby Clerk of Court United States District Court Southern District of Texas 515 Rusk Street Houston, Texas 77002

Re: C.A. No. 4:11-cv-00770; Bradford N. Oesch, Individually and As Independent Executor of the Estate of Nancy Oesch, Deceased, and As Next Friend of Angela Nicole Oesch and Samantha Rene Oesch, Minors, and Doris Roach vs. Woman's Hospital of Texas, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find Plaintiffs' Response to Defendants, James Mark McBath, M.D. and Mark McBath, M.D., P.A.'s Rule 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss to which I ask that you file in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

John J .Brothers

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

BRADFORD N. OESCH, Individually and § as Independent Executor of the Estate of NANCY OESCH, Deceased, and as Next § Friend of ANGELA NICOLE OESCH and SAMANTHA RENE OESCH, Minors, and DORIS ROACH, § § § § **Plaintiffs** C.A. No. 4:11-cv-00770 VS. WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF TEXAS WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF TEXAS, INC., § JAMES MARK McBATH, M.D., MARK McBATH, M.D., P.A., CENTOCOR, INC., CENTOCOR ORTHO BIOTECH, INC., and JOHNSON & JOHNSON, INC. § § Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS, JAMES MARK MCBATH, M.D. AND MARK MCBATH, M.D., P.A.'S RULE 12(b)(6) MOTION TO DISMISS

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COME NOW, the Plaintiffs and file this their Response to Defendants James Mark McBath, M.D. and Mark Mcbath, M.D., P.A.'s, hereinafter sometimes referred to as Defendants, Rule 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss and would show the Court as follows:

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Since the Defendants' 12(b)(6) Motion was filed, Plaintiffs' Counsel has conferred with

Defense Counsel. It has been agreed by both parties that the Defendants' Motion is without Merit since §74.351 specifically states the relevant date is the date of service, not the date of filing. See

TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE §74.351; See e.g. Otero v. Alonzo, 2011 Tex. App. LEXIS 1559 (Tex.App.—Corpus Christi, Mar. 4, 2011, no pet. h.). It is undisputed that James Mark McBath, M.D. and Mark McBath, M.D., P.A. were timely served with the Plaintiffs' expert report. TEX. R. CIV. P. 21a; FED. R. CIV. P. 5; See Exhibit A, U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail Receipt. Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defense Counsel had previously agreed to file an Agreed Order denying the Defendants' Motion. However, in order to unnecessarily avoid complicating matters with respect to the other motions before the Court, Plaintiffs counsel has instead asked Defense counsel to withdraw their motion. This "Response" is being filed to provide the Court notice of these developments and so that the Defendants' Motion is not construed to be unopposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that I conferred with Andrew Lehrman, counsel for Defendants regarding Plaintiff's Response to Defendants' 12(b)6 Motion to Dismiss, and the Parties reached an agreement regarding the motion.

John J. Brothers

VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HARRIS

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared, John J. Brothers, known to be the person whose name is subscribed hereto and to the attached Motion, who, after being duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says that he is an attorney at law and duly licensed to practice in the State of Texas, that he has read and knows the contents of Plaintiffs' Response to Defendants, James Mark McBath, M.D. and Mark McBath, M.D., P.A.'s Rule 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss, and that the matters and facts set forth therein are true and correct.

John J. Brothers

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority on this 64 day of July, 2011, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

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The State of Texas



VENCIE J SMITH My Commission Expires October 4, 2014

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been forwarded to all known counsel of record via certified mail, return receipt requested on the 8th day of July, 2011 as follows:

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